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Good Neighbor Leaf Burning Tips

With summer behind us, another leaf disposal season is on its way. If leaf burning is allowed in your community and you must burn, the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center recommends the following "Good Neighbor Leaf Burning Tips" to minimize the impact to neighbors and the environment.

- Be courteous and respectful to your neighbors, especially those with breathing problems. Let them know before you burn.
- Do not burn on windy days or days when the wind blows toward your neighbors.
- Do not burn wet leaves. Smoke from such fires stays closer to the ground and longer in the breathing zone.
- The best time of day to burn is from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. The smoke clears the fastest at this time of day.

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- If you can, burn several small fires instead of one large fire. The leaves will burn faster this way, reducing air pollution.
- Always attend, manage and control your fire. Always have a hose or water source nearby.
- Do not burn in ditches, drainage ways or within 25 feet of a body of water.
- Open burning of anything other than yard waste, such as garbage, is not permitted.
- Contact your local fire department or village for rules, regulations and/or a permit.

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